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Appln. No: 10/017,973
Applicants: Mitsuaki Oshima et al.
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Title: MARK FORMING APPARATUS, METHOD OF FORMING LASER MARK ON
OPTICAL DISK, REPRODUCING APPARATUS, OPTICAL DISK AND METHOD
OF PRODUCING OPTICAL DISK
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Examiner: Paul E. Callahan

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO/SB/08a form submitted herewith. A copy of each reference listed on the PTO/SB/08a form, other than U.S. patents, is enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

Reference EP 0 210 629 A2 is not in the English language, but an English translation thereof is attached to the copy of the reference submitted herewith.

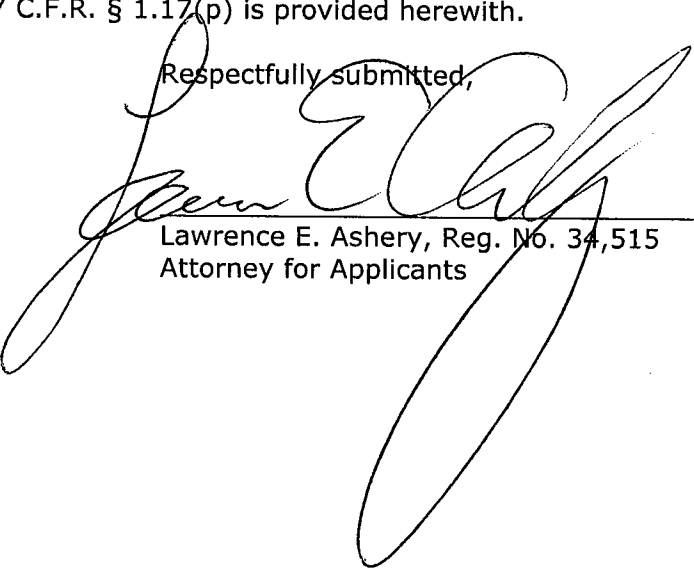
Reference EP 0 210 629 A2 was cited by a foreign patent examining authority in connection with the examination of a counterpart of the above identified application. MPEP Section 609(a)iii, second paragraph.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

The required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is provided herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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